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SUBJECT:SPECIAL SUMMARY NUMBER 8 FOR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY:
TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY

1. PORTUGAL: A NEW GOVERNMENT DOMINATED BY SOCIALISTS?

RELIABLE SOCIALIST SOURCES INFORMED EMBASSY LISBON THAT THE
SOON TO BE ANNOUNCED SIXTH PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT WILL IN-
CLUDE FIVE OR SIX SOCIALISTS, TWO POPULAR DEMOCRATS, AND
ONE OR TWO COMMUNISTS, WITH THE REMAINDER OF THE 15 MINIS-
TERIAL POSITIONS GOING TO THE MILITARY AND "INDEPENDENTS."
IN OTHER DEVELOPMENTS:

--THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 8 REINSTATED ALVES,
ANTUNES, AND COSTA MARTINS, AND HAS APPOINTED MODERATE
VASCO LOURENCO TO HEAD A REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.

--THE GOVERNMENT CAME DOWN HARD ON THE PRESS SEPTEMBER 8
BY PROHIBITING ANY NEWS CONCERNING THE MILITARY, EXCEPT
FOR OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUEs ISSUED BY THE MILITARY LEADERSHIP,
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INCLUDING THE NOW MODERATE DOMINATED REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL.

EMBASSY COMMENT: THE SOCIALISTS ARE OBVIOUSLY ELATED BY
RECENT NEWS AND EXPECT TO GARNER SEVERAL KEY MINISTRIES

(FOREIGN AFFAIRS, JUSTICE) AS WELL AS A VICE PRIME MINISTER SLOT. LACKING CONFIDENCE IN AZEVEDO'S ABILITY TO TACKLE PRESSING ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, SOARES WILL NOT HOLD A FORMAL POST THIS TIME AROUND, BUT WILL REMAIN READY TO LEAD THE SOCIALISTS SHOULD ELECTIONS BE CALLED.

2. AZORES SEPARATIST MOVEMENT COOLS

CONSULATEPONTA DELGADA BELIEVES THAT WITH THE REMOVAL OF VASCO GONCALVES, THE PRINCIPALLY ANTI-COMMUNIST AZORES INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT HAS LOST MUCH OF ITS DRIVING FORCE. LIKewise, GROWING PROSPECTS FOR A LOCALLY ELECTED GOVERNMENT AND MORE CONTROL OVER THE LOCAL ECONOMY HAVE DEFLATED SEPARATIST WARCRIES OF ECONOMIC INJUSTICE AND AN UNRESPONSIVE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

3. ANGOLA

A. AIRLIFT CONTINUES WITHOUT INCIDENT

CONSULATE GENERAL LUANDA REPORTS THAT, ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN NO INCIDENTS INVOLVING AIRCRAFT LANDING OR DEPARTING FROM LUANDA, NOBODY CAN GUARANTEE THE SECURITY OF US OR ANY OTHER PLANES PARTICIPATING IN THE AIRLIFT. THE SITUATION, HOWEVER, IS REASSURING:

--THE MPLA HAS ESTABLISHED A SEMBLANCE OF ORDER IN THE CITY AND IS NOT OPPOSING THE WHITE EVACUATION.

--THE FNLA IS STILL 40 TO 50 KILOMETERS NORTH OF LUANDA.

--AIR TRAFFIC AT LUANDA AIRPORT CONTINUES UNINTERRUPTED, SO LONG AS PORTUGUESE PARATROOPS REMAIN STATIONED AT KEY LOCATIONS.

B.. CARLUCCI RECOMMENDS DOUBLING US EFFORT

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ANBASSADOR CARLUCCI STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THE US INCREASE ITS EFFORTS AND DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF PORTUGUESE REFUGEES BEING AIRLIFTED OUT OF ANGOLA, CURRENTLY 500 PER DAY. IN ADDITION TO MEETING A VERY REAL HUMAN NEED, THE AIRLIFT WILL HAVE AN IMPACT ON PORTUGAL WHICH COULD BE FAVORABLE TO US INTERESTS:

--IT IS IN OUR INTEREST TO RETURN TO PORTUGAL AS MANY REFUGEES AS POSSIBLE TO REINFORCE THE MODERATES IN THEIR ATTEMPT TO SHAKE THE COMMUNIST GRIP ON GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS.

--THE REFUGEES' POLITICAL IRE WILL BE DIRECTED AGAINST

THE PRESENT PRO-COMMUNIST GOP LEADERSHIP, ALTHOUGH THEIR LONG-RANGE ANTI-COMMUNISM WILL BE CONDITIONED BY THE ABILITY OF ANY GOVERNMENT TO DEAL WITH THEIR NEEDS.
--OUR POLITICAL CHOICES ARE ONES OF TIMING: A TOTAL EFFORT NOW WHICH DRAMATICALLY DE-ESCALATES; WHEN AND IF THE MODERATES COME TO POWER AND THEN WOULD BE REPLACED BY A MASSIVE RELIEF EFFORT IN PORTUGAL, PREFERABLY UNDER INTERNATIONAL AUSPICES.

TO SUPPORT HIS ARGUMENT, CARLUCCI QUOTES AN "INDIRECT MESSAGE" FROM MELO ANTUNES THAT BRINGING IN MORE REFUGEES WOULD BE THE MOST PRODUCTIVE THING THE USG COULD DO TO SUPPORT THE ANTI-COMMUNIST EFFORT.

4. SOVIETS TO OBSTRUCT SECURITY COUNCIL'S MIDEAST DELIBERATIONS?

THE BRITISH HAVE BRIEFED USUN ON CALLAGHAN'S CONVERSATION WITH SYG WALDHEIM AND AN APPROACH IN WHICH SOVIET AMBASSADOR MALIK TOLD WALDHEIM THAT:

--THE SOVIETS OPPOSE THE PARTIAL MIDDLE EAST AGREEMENT AND THE COMPLICATIONS CAUSED BY ADDING AMERICAN TECHNICIANS IN THE SINAI.

--THE USSR WILL OPPOSE ANY UN ATTEMPT TO ENDORSE THE AGREEMENT.

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WALDHEIM TOLD CALLAGHAN HE WAS SURPRISED AT THE APPARENT LACK OF US-SOVIET CONTACT ON THE AGREEMENT, SAID HE DOUBTED THE UNSC HAS TO ENDORSE THE AGREEMENT, BUT INDICATED THE COUNCIL WOULD BE ASKED, PROBABLY WITHIN THE NEXT WEEKS, TO AUTHORIZE EXPANSION OF UNEF.

IN CAIRO, THE SOVIET EMBASSY'S AMERICANOLOGIST CALLED AT EMBASSY CAIRO, APPARENTLY TO INDICATE THAT THE SOVIETS DO NOT WISH THEIR NON-ATTENDANCE AT THE GENEVA SIGNING CEREMONY TO BECOME A CAUSE CELEBRE.

5. NO PROGRESS IN CYPRUS TALKS

USUN REPORTS THE SEPTEMBER 9 SESSION ENDED IN AN IMPASSE. PREVIOUSLY, CAGLAYANGIL SUGGESTED TO SYG WALDHEIM THAT THERE COULD BE EVENTUALLY A PACKAGE DEAL INVOLVING:

--LIFTING OF THE US ARMS EMBARGO, A BIZONAL SOLUTION, AND TURKISH TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS.

ACCORDING TO UN DEPUTY SYG URQUHART:

--THE TURKS WILL NOT DISCUSS LAND CONCESSIONS (INCLUDING A SYG SUGGESTION ON MOVEMENT OF GREEK CYPRIOTS TO NEUTRAL VAROSHA) UNTIL AFTER THE TURKISH SENATORIAL ELECTIONS OCTOBER 12.

--ALTHOUGH AWARE OF CAGLAYANGIL'S THREAT THAT A GREEK BREAKUP OF THE TALKS WOULD FREE THE TURKS FROM THEIR OBLIGATIONS TO MAINTAIN THE STATUS QUO ON CYPRUS, CLERIDES BELIEVES THE TALKS SHOULD BE ENDED SINE DIE UNLESS DENKTASH AGREES TO SUBMIT NEGOTIABLE ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ROUND.

6. ISRAELIS COORDINATE ANTI-TERRORIST OPERATIONS WITH LEBANON

THE ARMY ATTACHE HAS LEARNED FROM A SENIOR ISRAELI OFFICER THAT THE IDF CONTINUES TO COORDINATE ITS CROSSBORDER PATROLS WITH THE LEBANESE TO ENSURE NEITHER SIDE CROSSES THE OTHER'S PATH. THEY HAVE AN UNWRITTEN AGREEMENT PERMITTING THE LEBANESE TO MAKE A PRO-FORMA ARTILLERY RETALIATION
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TO WHICH THE ISRAELIS REPLY ONLY WHEN THEIR PATROL IS ACTUALLY ENDANGERED.

7. TURKISH EARTHQUAKE: UPDATE

EMBASSY ANKARA REPORTS THAT THE DEATH TOLL IN THE TURKISH EARTHQUAKE HAS CONTINUED TO GROW, BUT THE FIGURES VARY CONSIDERABLY WITH MOST SOURCES ESTIMATING NO LESS THAN 2,000 DEAD. PROPERTY LOSS, PARTICULARLY AROUND LICE, APPROACHES 90 DESTROYED. WHILE THE PRIME MINISTER HAS ACKNOWLEDGED WITH THANKS THE MANY OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES, THERE IS YET NO INDICATION THAT THE GOT WILL ACCEPT THEM. AN MFA OFFICIAL HAS RECOMMENDED THAT CONTRIBUTIONS BE FUNNELED THROUGH THE TURKISH RED CRESCENT ASSOCIATION. KISSINGER

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